





Friends scour city in search of missing woman

Anina Hundsdoerfer.

Still no trace of woman, 32, reported missing Sunday along with car



Friends of an Edmonton woman missing since Saturday are scouring the city's parks and popular trails hoping to find any clues that might explain her disappearance.

A lover of outdoors, Anina Hundsdoerfer was reported missing by her roommate Saturday after she failed to return home from work.

"We have people checking parks, any of the areas we know Anina loves to go to," said Caroline Hendly, Hundsdoerfer's roommate of two years.

"She loves being in the outdoors, so (we're searching) any of the parks around Edmonton and some of the ski trails around Edmonton."

Along with Hundsdoerfer, friends are searching for the 32-year-old's car — a 2005 blue Toyota Echo, which is also reported missing.

"This is really out of char-



Missing Edmonton woman Anina Hundsdoerfer _{FACEBOOK}

acter for her," Hendly added.
"We are all really, really worried. This isn't normal. She
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why we are so concerned."

Thought to be wearing a brown, lightweight ski jacket used for cross-country skiing, Hundsdoerfer was last seen at her downtown office Saturday, where she works as a forest entomologist with the

Alberta government.

Hendly called her roommate "one of the sweetest people you will ever meet.

"She is very gentle, loving, caring," Hendly said. "She has a very quick and inquisitive mind."

Born in Germany, Hundsdoerfer grew up in South Africa and studied in England before moving to Canada eight years ago, Hendly explained.

"With her work, she gets to go out in the forest and she just loves that," she added.

Nadia Porter, who is also participating in the search, first met Hundsdoerfer three years ago through a group of mutual friends.

"She is very lovely, very sweet, she has a very dear face," Porter said. "She's very

While Edmonton police are reporting no signs of foul play, they are asking anyone with information on Hundsdoerfer or her vehicle to call 780-423-4567.

Frantic search

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Caroline Hendly, Hundsdoerfer's roommate of two years





The San Jose Sharks' Patrick Marleau checks the Oilers' Justin Schultz during the first period in

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Police plan to launch Text with 9-1-1 in the fall

Edmonton won't be launching a text-to-911 service anytime soon, said EPS staff just one day after Calgary launched its own version of the service.

Designed for people with hearing and speech impairments, Edmonton police Sgt. Merle Doherty said EPS has to develop certain infrastructure before it can launch the mobile 911 services.

"The Edmonton Police Services is currently working on that technology behind the scenes to make sure we have it in place by hopefully mid-fall ... early winter this year," he added.

When the service is introduced, people with hearing and speaking impairments will be able to register with their telephone service provider for Text with 9-1-1 and in case of an emergency, call police, who will then respond with a text. The 911 operators will also be able to receive a XY co-ordinate on where the cellphone is located.

Currently, people who can't communicate over the phone use the Teletypewriter (TTY) system to interact with 911 operators. In the last three years, EPS has received 119 TTY calls from the community that were 911 calls. Leah GERMAIN/METRO



Tories set rules for leadership race

Prospective Tory leaders will have to be able to bring cash to the table if they want to take part in the party's leadership

The Progressive Conservatives announced rules for its upcoming leadership contest late Monday and they include a \$50,000 entry fee to participate.

That will help offset the costs of a Sept. 6 vote, which would be followed by a Sept. 20 vote if there is no clear majority on the first ballot.

PC party president Jim Mc-

"We try to have these races be revenue neutral; that has been the case in the past."

PC party president Jim McCormick on the \$50,000 entry fee, which he says will help offset the costs of a Sept. 6 vote and has nothing to do with the party's current balance sheet

Cormick said the fee had nothing to do with the party's current balance sheet.

"Our financial situation has been a bit overblown," he said.

The last leadership tilt cost contenders \$40,000, and the previous one \$15,000. By contrast, the Wildrose said they had a \$10,000 fee in 2009.

Mount Royal University professor Duane Bratt said the party's decision is likely to make sure it raises some funds,

because the leadership contenders will be putting a strain on other donors. "Each candidate will probably have to raise close to \$1 million if not higher and that money goes to the candidate; that money doesn't go to the party," he said.

Bratt said while the leadership race may cause a financial strain, it was the best option.

"The alternative was having a leader who was incredibly unpopular," he said. "I think this is the lesser of two evils for the party." RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

New LRT line to cause city traffic headaches?

Computer modelling.

New information shows tie-ups on 83 Street



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While riders slide past on the proposed South East LRT line, some drivers will be left behind, according to new traffic modelling the city has done.

Provincial funding was announced earlier this month for the new line, running from Mill Woods to downtown, and computer modelling the city has done show there will be some headaches on 83 Street.

Brad Smid, manager of LRT design and construction, said the line takes away two lanes of traffic on 83 Street, between Whyte Avenue and Argyle Road. Because of that, Smid said the computer modelling showed delays on 83 Street, as

The city expect to begin construction on the line in 2016, with an opening set for 2020.

well as Argyle Road.

He said when the line actually opens they don't anticipate it being a major problem.

"Most people will find alter-nate routes. They probably won't continue to go that way, but the modelling isn't smart enough to do that," he said.

Smid added the modelling showed them what they expected would happen, just in greater detail.

Coun. Mike Nickel said he's glad funding is place, but now the city will have to work on solving problems like this.

"It's not just going to be that little stretch of the road, there are going to be other places up and down the line," he said.



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Panel talk. Experts focus on local rape culture

By zeroing in on what experts are calling Edmonton's "rape culture," local educators are aiming to break down common misconceptions around the troubling trend.

As one of the speakers at an upcoming panel discussion, Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton's Nikki Bernier said the first step in ending rape culture is to talk about it.

"When you live in a culture where violence is normalized and it's used to sell products and used to market clothing and campaigns, it's so perva-sive, it becomes invisible," said

By naming the problem, Bernier said she hopes the city can create more safe spaces for dialogue on violent assaults.

Edmonton police Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes said the city has experienced an increase in the number of violent assaults in recent years.

"Edmonton is booming so our population growth has real-



ly increased as well," Grimes said. "You would expect crime numbers to increase to match the population. It doesn't mean there's extra crime.'

Grimes credits the increase to people also becoming more comfortable talking about sexual assault.

The Talking Action: #YEGsecret Exposed — A Hard Talk Panel on Rape Culture will be held April 9 at the Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Alberta

8 arrested on drug, weapons charges

Alberta police have arrested eight people on drug and weapons charges who are suspected of being part of a trafficking network with ties to Atlantic Canada.

An organized crime unit says six people are originally from Halifax and were arrested following a five-month investigation in Grande Prairie. Two others were arrested and charges were pending. Police say they are members of a Halifax criminal network and accuse them of dealing drugs in northwest Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

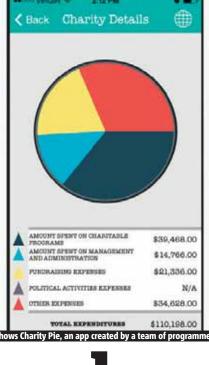
Will history repeat?

Experts say too soon to predict more flooding

A long and snowy winter doesn't necessarily mean flooding on the same level as what occurred in southern Alberta in 2013.

Alberta Environment says a March 1 measurement showed the snowpack was only slightly above normal compared with last

Spokeswoman Carrie Sancartier says four areas have received a record amount of snow, but are in the North Saskatchewan basin. The CANADIAN PRESS





A screenshot shows Charity Pie, an app created by a team of programmers in Edmonton for CODE 2014. CONTRIBUTED

Local app among top 15 in Canada

Charity Pie. Edmonton programmers pitch charity app in Toronto



Fuelled by caffeine and cookies, an app created by a group of Edmonton programmers has been named in the top 15 out of 110 submissions during a recent national coding compe-

Calling their creation Char-

ity Pie, the local team from Nobis Studios will be taking their submission to the 2014 Canadian Open Data Experience in Toronto Friday for a chance to pitch in front of possible in-

Jenna Mortemore, one of the developers, said the group was inspired to create an app that took the guesswork out of making a charitable donation.

"The concept was to try and create something that would make charities more accessible to the public and increase transparency," Mortemore explained.

Number of programmers who participated in CODE 2014

"I was thinking to myself, 'If I'm interested in donating something, what information do I want to have accessible to

As part of the CODE 2014 competition on Feb. 28, more than 900 Canadian programmers had 48 hours to develop

a concept, do research, find data sets, manage data, create design and submit to the App store as fully functioning app.

"(It took) lots of caffeine and cookies powering it, Mortemore laughed. "To start, we struggled with finding a concept, but once we got that nailed down Friday night, some of us stayed up pretty late.'

As one of the top 15, Charity Pie will be vying against other Canadian creations to receive top votes for the Fan Favourite award and a \$1,000 prize.

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Quebec

Lac-Mégantic probe officially wrapped up

Quebec provincial police are confirming they have completed their investigation into the deadly train disaster in Lac-Mégantic.

The crash and explosion killed 47 and destroyed a large swath of the downtown area last summer.

Police spokeswoman Aurelie Guindon says the investigation was officially wrapped up on Saturday and the case is now in the hands of the province's director of criminal and penal prosecutions.

Neither the Crown nor police would discuss the results of the probe.
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Political pages

Justin Trudeau publishing an autobiography

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has announced he will publish a personal memoir.

In a press release, publisher HarperCollins Canada says the "candid" autobiography will cover the 42-year-old's childhood to his university days and political career, and will boast "anecdotes, personal reflections and never-beforeseen photographs."

The memoir is set to be released this fall, and proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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Birds of a feather say no to Winnipeg's weather

No spring ahead, fall back! About 200 geese that made their annual return north decided it was too cold and flew back the way they came



It's so cold in Winnipeg this spring even the geese are turning their feathers to our weather.

Ken Cudmore, of the FortWhyte Alive park and recreation facility, told Metro Tuesday a group of 200 or so Canada geese that had made their annual return to the centre last week took to the air and headed back the way they came just days after landing.

"I've been doing this for 30 years and I don't remember ever seeing anything like it," said Cudmore, FortWhyte's site and wildlife manager. "I couldn't imagine they went north, so I'm assuming they went back south."

Cudmore said geese normally follow the disappearing snowline on their annual migration north, and he thinks the few nice days we saw last week and a strong south wind might have tricked the birds into thinking it was nicer up this way than it turned out to be once they got here.

With temperatures dropping 10 and sometimes even closer to 20 degrees below the temperatures we can normally expect for this time of year, Cudmore said he doesn't blame the iconic birds one bit.

"Not at all," he laughed.
"I'm thinking of joining them."



Ken Cudmore, site and wildlife manager of Winnipeg's FortWhyte Alive centre, says a group of 200 or so Canada geese that landed there last week have since headed back south because of the cold weather. CONTRIBUTED

Privacy. Device with data on 583,000 student loans left unsecured: Report

A portable hard drive containing personal information on more than half a million people who took out student loans was left unsecured for extended periods and lacked password protection and encryption, says the federal privacy crar

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada acknowledged last year the drive held data on 583,000 Canada Student Loans Program borrowers from 2000 to 2006.

The missing files included student names, social insurance numbers, dates of birth, contact information and loan balances, as well as the personal contact information of 250 department employees.

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and become a prospective future citizen

Study: Most lost cellphones are returned — after some snooping

The odds of having a lost cellphone returned are just a little better than 50/50, while the chances of it being probed by its finder are close to 100 per cent, according to the results of an experiment conducted in six Canadian cities.

Security software company Symantec dropped 10 phones each in Calgary, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver and waited to see if they would be returned.

Each phone was preloaded with icons for phoney apps designed to tempt the finders into tapping on them. Tracking software recorded what they couldn't resist peeking at.

Stefano Tiranardi, an information protection specialist with Symantec Canada, says he's disappointed by the results of the experiment.

"I was surprised at the higher-than-expected numbers," Tiranardi says.

"Really, individuals who misplace a phone or have it stolen have absolutely no hope their private information will remain private."

Of the 60 phones in the test, 55 per cent of them were picked up by someone who attempted to return the device, while 27 were grabbed and



Security-software company Symantec dropped 10 cellphones in six Canadian cities to see how persistent people would be in snooping around in phones they found. The answer, according to the results of the experiment, is very. ISTOCK

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never returned — and they weren't even flashy high-end smartphones: Symantec used older Google Android phones for the experiment.

Among the questions that Symantec wanted to answer with the study was how persistent people would be in poking around a found phone.

The answer was very.

One phone dropped at a Calgary bus stop was found by an honourable person eager to return it. But while waiting to establish contact with the

rightful owner, that person did some extensive snooping. That storyline wasn't unusual.

Ninety-three per cent of the phones were accessed in some way by people who found them. Social networking and corporate-related apps were tapped on about twothirds of the phones, while passwords, photos and email apps were launched on half of the devices. An online banking app was accessed on one in three phones.

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Despite inadequate funding, limited access to technology and outdated learning materials, some students attending school on First Nations reserves are hopeful about their

One of them is Grade 9 student Payton Daniels. Sitting in the library of the Sturgeon Lake Central School on Saskatchewan's Sturgeon Lake First Nation, the 15-year-old fiddles with her hands as she talks about her future goals.

"I want to go to university and become a veterinarian, she says. "I think I can do that with the education here.'

With Prince Albert only about 40 minutes away, a number of students have been leaving Sturgeon Lake for opportunities in the city. But that option doesn't interest her.

"Here, I can actually learn about ... my native culture," Daniels says. "Our generation, we lost a lot of our culture.... I really want to get my culture back, and I've started beading, and I'm trying to learn

If she graduates, she'll be among the minority of onreserve First Nations students.

A 2011 report from Canada's auditor general found the education gap between First Nations and the rest of the population is growing even wider — a trend the federal government is trying to reverse.

The almost \$2 billion in promised funding is welcome news, but for many young people, like Grade 12 student Patrick Ermine, it will come

"I'm actually known here at the school for being an artist, but there aren't any art classes," says Ermine, 18, who aspires to be a tattoo artist.

While Ermine and Daniels are hopeful about their future, Joanne Berg, a resource teacher at the school, remains worried that a lack of access to modern technology and resources will hurt students in the long run.

"When they choose to go off to university, and their profs are not looking at where they come from, they expect everybody to be able to go and research essays, and find their textbooks," she says.

"They just don't have that ability. We find the kids that are leaving and going off to university are coming back home because they don't know how to access those re-

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Patrick Ermine, 18, at Sturgeon Lake Central School

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Payton Daniels, 15, at Sturgeon Lake Central School



Students Learning with Learning to the federal government is planning to invest nearly \$2 billion into the neglected system and give communities more control over their own education. Metro travelled to two on-reserve schools to document their condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the

condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the proposed changes may be their kids' last chance.



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For administrators at on-reserve schools, every day is a juggling act.

'It's a constant struggle finding enough money for everything," says Pauline McKay, director and principal of the Sturgeon Lake Central School, which serves the Sturgeon Lake First Nation about 55 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert,

But many are optimistic that the years ahead will be different.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is promising \$1.9 billion over seven years in the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. The funding is set to kick in next

"We have one phys-ed teacher for all of our 500 kids," says McKay, providing an example of the chronic shortages. "There's always a lack of staff."

In most of the country, First Nations education is funded through the federal government, whereas mainstream public schools receive funding through the

McKay said that Sturgeon Lake gets \$6,500 per student per year. By comparison, the provincial government provided more than \$10,000 per student to public and Catholic divisions in the North Battleford, Sask., area, and around \$17,000 to the French board, according to a 2013 study from educational consultant R. J. Kowalchuk.

That discrepancy results in fewer course offerings.

McKay envies how provincial schools are able to enjoy such luxuries as drama and music classes.

"For extras, we have phys-ed and we've got Cree," McKay says. "That's it."

All this hasn't stopped McKay and others at the school from trying to produce graduates out of children deprived of resources. McKay designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month.

At James Smith Cree Nation, roughly 65 kilometres from Prince Albert, the situation is even worse.

Marlene Nicholls, principal of Bernard Constant Community School, says her administration ends up with just \$4,340 per student. Staff can't even afford to call in

"This year we weren't able to hire substitute teachers," she says.

During the five-plus years Nicholls has been with the school, she hasn't once been able to purchase a new vehicle. Luckily, she has a retention worker who can double as a mechanic.

"In the public school system, you have to have (your vehicles) inspected," she says. "We try our best to adhere to those rules and policies, but there's no money for that."

What Nicholls does have is a retention worker and a community liaison to keep tabs on troubled students.

"If a teacher says, 'This kid is missing,' then they go and find out what's happening," she says. "They also have some training in addic-



Each of these social workers earns only \$19,000 a year.

The new Conservative initiative for First Nations education is expected to start injecting increased funding in 2015. So the question for those on the ground is not only whether it will be enough, but also whether it will be soon enough.

"I don't think people really believe what it's like in the reserve," McKay says. Public and Catholic schools in North Battleford area ~\$10,000

Bernard Constant Community School in James Smith Cree Nation \$4,340

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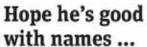


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Timetable. The basics — just the basics

Principal Pauline McKay of the Sturgeon Lake Central School designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month. Visit metronews.ca to see the meagre timetable.



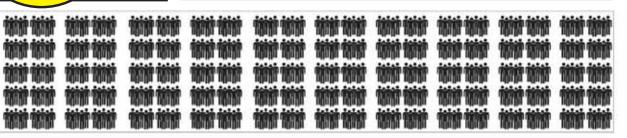
Sturgeon Lake Central has just one phys-ed teacher for its 500 students.



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Dozens missing, deaths keep climbing in Wash. mudslide

The search. Some crews had to pull back because of concern over potential flash floods or another landslide

Washington state officials say searchers found 10 more bodies in the debris of a massive landslide, raising the number of people who died in the disaster to 24.

Snohomish County District 21 Fire Chief Travis Hots announced the fatalities Tuesday evening after residents from the nearby logging town of Darrington spent the day helping rescue crews scour the muck for any sign of survivors.

The grim discoveries came three days after the collapse of a rain-soaked hillside about 55 miles north of Seattle.

Searchers had warned they were likely to find more bodies in the debris field, which structures. Authorities believe at least 25 were full-time resi-

Dozens of people remain unaccounted for. Authorities are working off a list of 176 potentially missing people, though many of those names likely are duplicates and they think that number will decrease.

From the beginning, rescue crews on the ground have faced dangerous and unpredictable conditions as they navigated quicksand-like mud that was 15 feet deep in some places. Some who went in got caught up to their armpits in the thick, sticky sludge.

A scientist who documented the landslide conditions on the hillside that buckled had warned in a 1999 report filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the "potential for a large catastrophic failure," The Seattle Times reported late Monday.

That report was written by geomorphologist Daniel J. Miller and his wife, Lynne Rodgers



Miller. "We've known it would happen at some point," Daniel Miller told the newspaper.

Snohomish County executive John Lovick and public works director Steve Thomsen said Monday night they were not aware of the 1999 report. "A slide of this magnitude is very difficult to predict," Thomsen told The Times. "There was no

indication, no indication at all." Snohomish County emer-

gency management director John Pennington said officials would examine the report, but he said local authorities were vigilant about warning of potential landslide dangers. A less severe slide struck the area in

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Ethiopia

Being gay to become a 'non-pardonable' crime

Ethiopia's lawmakers are set to pass a bill that puts homosexuality on a list of offences considered "non-pardonable" under the country's amnesty law, a measure that continues a trend of anti-gay legislation across Africa.

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Security guidelines

35 countries take new nuclear security pledge

Thirty-five countries pledged Tuesday to turn international guidelines on nuclear security into national laws, a move aimed at preventing terrorists from getting their hands on nuclear material. Notably absent from the agreement were Russia, China, India and Pakistan.

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Missing plane

China demands satellite data

China demanded Tuesday that Malaysia turn over the satellite data used to conclude that a Malaysia Airlines jetliner had crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, killing all 239 on board. Officials have sharply narrowed the search area, but the zone remains as large as Texas and Oklahoma combined. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White House

Obama to propose ending NSA's phone spying

The White House wants the National Security Agency to get out of the business of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans' phone calls. The Obama administration is expected this week to propose that Congress overhaul the electronic surveillance program.

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'Debbie Downer' Raitt dashes dreams of **Northwest Passage**

You're enjoying your day ... Everything's going your way when along comes Lisa Raitt to tell you there'll be no Arctic shortcut soon

The centuries-old dream of shipping through the Northwest Passage will remain mostly illusory for the foreseeable future, Canada's transport minister indi-cated Tuesday in a blunt assessment of the challenges

During an appearance in Washington, Lisa Raitt played down expectations that the Arctic is on the cusp of becoming an international shipping hub because of climate change.

She offered a list of concerns she's heard from the shipping industry, including from insurance companies — the ones Raitt said are really calling the shots when it comes to what's allowed to pass through the

The obstacles include shallow passes and a lack of navigational markers, she said. The prospect of having a shipment stuck up there would wipe out any potential time-savings offered by the shorter intercontinental

And then there's the



frightening prospect of oil spills.

"I don't see it happening right now," Raitt said in a lengthy, freewheeling question-and-answer session at the Canadian American Business Council.

"I'm passionate about it. But I don't think it's a panacea, and I don't think the Panama Canal or the Suez Canal ... have any worries of competition from the Northwest Passage right

The delay's not necessarily a bad thing, she said. Policy-makers now have time to prepare all the safety protocols necessary to protect the pristine region from spills. Raitt said she's looking forward to the release of a report this fall with recommendations on shipping north of the 60th

"I can tell you — one oil spill or accident in the Arctic is one visual you do not want to have in this world at all," Raitt said. "It's not just always about the economy. I can't believe I said that as a Conservative. But it's not always about the economy. You've got to balance it out with what's happening in terms of safety, and the environment too." Successive Canadian governments, especially the current one, have pointed to an impending burst of Arctic activity as a source of national pride. There have even been differences of opinion with other countries, including the U.S., about who would have sovereignty over the bustling new shipping routes. For now, Raitt said, it's baby steps. The canadian press

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry aims to cash in on BBM

BlackBerry is about to launch an update to its popular BlackBerry Messenger chat service that it hopes will rake in some extra coin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Maarten Heilbron of Toronto reads an ebook on his iPad while his wife, Kim, reads on a Kobo Touch. Buyers of ebooks will get account credits this week from five publishers — Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Group and Holtzbrinck doing business as Macmillan — who reached settlements after states alleged they colluded to raise prices. New York's attorney general said Tuesday. Text: The associated press: Photo: Richard Lautens/Torstar News Service

Luxottica eyes profits

Shares in Italian eyewear maker Luxottica have risen sharply on the announcement that it will make frames for Google's new Internet-connected eyewear, the Google Glass.

Luxottica shares were up 4.7 per cent to 40.77 euros (\$55.80 US) in Milan trading Tuesday.

CEO Andrea Guerra told the daily La Repubblica that the push to market will be in 2015 and that the Google partnership should help guarantee the eyewear maker annual growth of five to 10 per cent.

Guerra said Luxottica should soon achieve revenues of 10 billion euros.

Google Glass is a computing device that includes a thumbnail-sized screen above the wearer's right eye to view Internet content. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Math problem!

Little Johnny has 37 candies and wants to divide them evenly among his five buddies, leaving an equal number for himself. How many candies does each of the boys get?

Answer: Little Johnny hasn't the faintest

He and his friends take the "discovery" method of mathematics at school, where they don't learn the answer but are taught techniques for getting to the answer some day.

So they don't know much about division or fractions. Nor, for that matter, multiplication tables, adding and subtracting from columns of numbers or any of that other boring

Go figure.

If you don't learn the fundamentals of math, you're in over your head the moment you encounter algebra. And if you don't master algebra, the door is barred to careers in engineering, science, medicine, IT, etc.



Paul Sullivan

Math problem indeed!

I suppose you could get an English degree, but you'd have to learn how to spell. Although the way things are going these days, that may not be necessary.

This is not just idle speculation from the back-to-basics crowd. You know: those flinty fundamentalists who walked 10 kilometres to school uphill both ways in a snowstorm and liked it. Canadian math students have dropped out of the top 10 in international math scores. We're number 13!

And in the latest round of tests, only 16 per cent of Canadian students scored at "high achieving levels," compared to 30 per cent of Asian students.

That sound you hear? That's Canada's future going into the ditch on the road to progress.

Things are so bad even parents are starting to notice. The province of Alberta has drawn back from the "discovery' method after receiving a petition from more than 11,700

people who want their kids to be able to count. And Manitoba has reintroduced math drills back into the classroom, while trying to wean kids from kindergarten to Grade 3 off calculators. Ontario is sticking to the discovery course. Why fix it if it doesn't work in the first place?

Right now, you're probably going: "Who needs math?" Well, you do. Every day: at work, on the family finances, trying to convert U.S. gas prices to Canadian litres and dollars (which require advanced calculus), figuring out what to buy at the hardware store or how much to tip the waiter (although many restaurants are pleased to do the calculation

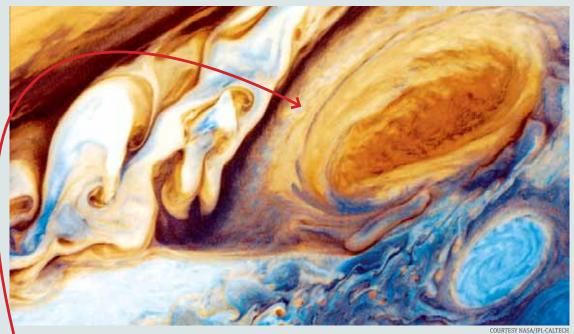
You're at the mercy of the bad old world unless you know how to figure, and for that you need multiplication tables or long division. And unless you do something and soon, your kids will suck at math even worse than you do.

Just think, if little Johnny knows how to divide, he'll successfully divvy up the candies into lots of six with one left over. And he gets to keep that one.

His friends can't count, so they'll never "discover" what

ZOOM

Jupiter paints a pretty picture



Artistic photo of **Great Red Spot**

It appears to be a canvas painted with Vincent van . Gogh's colourful swirls in mind · but this is in fact a photo of Jupiter's Great Red Spot, captured by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft. The Great Red Spot, the most conspicuous feature of Jupiter's cloud surface, is an atmospheric storm that has been raging in the planet's

Southern Hemisphere for at least 400 years.

In 1979, Voyager zoomed toward Jupiter, capturing hundreds of images during its approach. The observations revealed many features of the planet's surface that are still being explored today. This particular view was only recently assembled from three black and white negatives by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. METRO

Storm's mystery

- Size. 20,000 kilometres long and 12,000 kilometres wide, 3.5 times the size of Earth.
- Mystery. Scientists remain baffled why the storm does not dissipate. Their best explanation is the storm gains energy by swallowing smaller vortices in Jupiter's jet streams.





The latest in a series of **Internet memes-to-book** crazes is dog shaming: pictures of downtrodden dogs posing with notes outlining what they ate, chewed or pooped on. However, like

most Internet memes, dog shaming has spawned a series of spinoffs — even baby shaming.

DogShaming.com:

The original site is still one of the best. You can also follow Pascale Lemire on Twitter@dogshaming.

Cat-Shaming:

Not content to let dogs have even a slice of online infamy, the Internet's $\,$ reigning animal was one of the first to jump on the shaming bandwagon. Tumblr is rife with cat-shaming pics, many of which are col-

@metropicks asked: School boards are teaching responsible tweeting. What lesson would you teach kids who use social media?

@andiwrongwolf: I would teach them that their tweets along with any worldly doings are ultimately meaningless due to their unshakeable mortality

@sassypants81: Never use your real name. - Not Alana Beck

@EvanPetrie17: Don't hide behind anonymity. It's cowardly.

@Canucklehead_ca: RULE #1: Do as

lected at cat-shaming.tumblr.com.

Horse-Shaming.com:

Pinterest:

No matter what your preferred genre of shaming is, Pinterest has you covered. The photo-sharing site has plenty of shaming content, but is a particular hotbed of baby shaming.

@liorche: Tweet as if your Grandparents will be reading it.

@artsyTrish: Ignore the trolls. Do not engage in argument just because you are not face to face. Respect others.

@HanahBissell: everything is public and can never be deleted. Even if its "private" or "removed" Bad tweets at 16 can haunt you.

@reachstacey: they do not understand how swearing and vulgarity will come back to haunt them by employers-they don't care

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Crowe blockbuster latest in a flood of Noah movies

Story ark. Bible tale formerly featured in Disney films and doc



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According to Genesis, God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them."

Noah, a righteous man, was commanded to build an ark and stock it with "two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive."

For 40 days and 40 nights Noah, his family and precious cargo withstood a flood so severe it submerged the tops of mountains until "every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out."

Once the flooding stopped and the Earth dried, God commanded Noah to come out of the ark and release the animals, "so they can multiply on the Earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

The story of Noah's ark and the flood is one of mankind's most famous tales and Hollywood has retold it a number of times.

This weekend Russell Crowe plays the title role in Noah, co-starring Jennifer Connelly, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Watson. Director Darren Aronofsky says he has been obsessed with the story since he was 13, calling it "the



first apocalypse story." Nonetheless, he has added his own spin to the tale.

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards," he told Rolling Stone. "The first thing I said to Russell Crowe was, 'I'll never shoot you on a houseboat with two giraffes standing behind you."

More traditional are two Disney short films. Father Noah's Ark is a 1933 "Silly Symphony" for children that tells the narrative in song. Lively animation shows how the animals may have helped build the ship and why skunks almost didn't make it on board.

In 1959 Disney released the twenty-minute Noah's Ark, their first stop-motion animated film. A jazzy score accompanies equally jazzy animation as pencils, pipe cleaners and other household items are inventively used to create the animals.

Shooting the flood scene in the 1928 version of Noah's Ark endangered the life of a future Hollywood icon. John

An untraditional Noah

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards."

Darren Aronofsky, director of Noah

Wayne was a swimmer in the famous scene, and emerged unhurt, but other weren't so lucky. Three extras drowned and a dozen others suffered broken limbs.

Finally, a 1977 documentary claims to shed some light on the real story. In Search

of Noah's Ark is an investigation into the speculation that Turkey's Mt. Ararat in is the landing place of Noah's Ark. "This may be the most incredible film you will ever see," says narrator Brad Crandall, "but the facts that will be presented are true."

Wahlberg and Bay transform franchise



Mark Wahlberg, star of the upcoming Transformers: Age of Extinction, is promising the fourth installment of the Michael Bay-directed franchise will be a huge hit.

"For moviegoers all over the world, I guarantee this will take it up a notch," Wahlberg said Monday at the annual movie theatre convention CinemaCon.

Paramount vice chairman Rob Moore said Bay was hesitant to return to the franchise until they were able to zero in on the right story and cast that would capture his imagination.

"Michael promised me it would be a very different, stand-alone movie, which it absolutely is," said Wahlberg. "It is bigger and better than the other three (films) combined. This will be the biggest movie of 2014."

In the action film, Wahlberg, who re-teams with Bay after last year's Pain and Gain, plays Cade Yeager, an automobile mechanic who discovers a rundown truck, which is really a transformer. Soon,

he's the target of Autobots, Decepticons and the government

With a series of Transformers films, which featured a consistent cast including Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Tyrese Gibson, Wahlberg admitted he's feeling the pressure of stepping into the shoes of the other actors.

But he says he "had to jump at the opportunity because I really feel like it is probably the most iconic franchise in movie history." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ditching prison for Irish coast

Taylor Schilling. Known for her role in Orange is the New Black, the actress is now starring in an indie drama with Aidan Quinn

When Taylor Schilling arrives on the set of Orange Is the New Black, her make-under begins.

"We all come into work and we get our makeup taken off. The woman who does my makeup... I'm just now realizing her tricks. I think she spends time with me like just with the brush with nothing on my face to make it feel like she's doing something," Schilling joked in a recent interview.

The no-makeup look might be intimidating for some actresses, but it's a thrill for Schilling.

"It's liberating and scary and it feels risky and I think that's when sometimes the most interesting stuff hap-



pens — especially on a show that is all-female," she said. "It's kind of exciting to have it be about what's happening between us as opposed to what shoes people are wearing or what their makeup or hair or whatever looks like." The popular Netflix original series follows Schilling's character, Piper Chapman, as she adjusts to life in a women's correctional facility.

Before the hit show's second season debuts June 6, fans can catch her out of the orange jumpsuit in the new indie drama Stay. The 29-year-old actress dished on her new film, opening Friday in select markets, celebrities who follow Orange and life after a Golden Globe nomination.

You spent about a month filming Stay with Aidan Quinn on the west coast of Ireland. What was that like?

Just incredible. I mean, I know him as Aidan Quinn from Legends of the Fall, you know, a very fancy actor man. And he was such a pleasure to work with. And also it was so fun to be with him in his home turf of Ireland.... And it's such a treat to see Ireland through his eyes.

What can you tell us about the new season of Orange Is the New Black?

We go deeper into characters, and it encompasses more of the Litchfield prison community so you get to know more of the ladies a little bit in depth. So it's sort of everything that's so great about season one, but more.

Did you know Lupita Nyong'o has shown her love for Orange over social media?

I'm glad Lupita likes it! I like Lupita. Holy cow! Who doesn't? My god. Geez Louise, she's a talented cookie.

What did a Golden Globe nomination mean to you?

It's like some kind of dream to feel that validated and seen in this way. ... It feels like a stamp of approval. Like, 'We see you. You're doing well.' OK. So I should keep on being an actor. Nice. Like it feels like that you're moving in the right direction. ... Left up to my own devices I could be like 'yeah right, it's time for a left turn. It's time to become a nurse.' THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Foster the People. New album Supermodel full of travel-inspired tunes

Mark Foster's favourite hit songs are the ones written without thought given to eventual chart potential. So when it came time for him to pen the smash follow-up to his band Foster the People's out-of-left-field 2011 hit Pumped Up Kicks, he didn't even bother to try

"I feel like trying to write a song in order to be a big hit is just not something I'm interested in because it's not going to come from an authentic place of expression," Foster said. "I've heard a lot of bands try to do that type of thing on their second record, especially if they happen to have a hit or a couple of hits on their first, and a lot of times the stuff ends up sounding like Budweiser commercials, you know? We don't make music for that reason. We're not the corporation of Foster the People. We're a

The tsunami-like experience of having a multi-platinum, Grammy-nominated hit left the trio feeling unmoored as they completed touring behind their debut. They weren't sure exactly where they wanted to go, but it wasn't directly to the studio.

"Fame is such a weird concept," bassist Cubbie Fink said.



"It's sort of intangible. ... Really it's a bizarre process to be striving for something, attain it, then have the whole world around you change — but you're still kind of the same in the middle of it."

So Foster and Fink travelled the world for inspiration for the 11 songs that would go on to make up Supermodel, out this week. And drummer Mark Pontius hunkered down at home, processing the experience in a different way.

Foster returned from his travels with song sketches, half-finished ideas and a general concept of where he wanted to go. The band moved into a home in Malibu, Calif.,

Not selling out

"We're not the corporation of Foster the People. We're a band."

Mark Foster of Foster the People on why he doesn't try to write hits

that had a studio and sorted everything out with Grammy-winning producer Paul Epworth, who co-wrote and produced some of the master-ful tracks on Adele's 21, including Rolling In the Deep. Epworth also produced some of Foster the People's gold-selling 2011 debut, Torches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Swift gets restraining order against stalker

A judge has granted Taylor Swift a three-year restraining order against a man who has threatened the singer's family.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carol Boas Goodson granted Swift a protective order from Timothy Sweet, who has expressed his belief that he is married to the Grammy winner.

Swift was granted a temporary restraining order against Sweet on March 3. Swift's filing states Sweet has sent messages threatening to harm Swift's family or anyone who interferes with his perceived relationship with the entertainer. The singer wrote in a sworn declaration that she fears for her safety in public and at home.

Court filings state Sweet has sent threatening messages online and went to Swift's Beverly Hills home in February. The order also covers Swift's parents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



N.Y.'s Public

Enemy? Flavor Flav back in court

Entertainer Flavor Flav must return to New York at least one more time to answer charges stemming from his arrest as he raced to his mother's funeral.

Police say the rapper and reality TV star was speeding and driving without a licence, a felony, on Jan. 9 on the Meadowbrook Parkway on Long Island.

Flav, whose real name is William Drayton, told reporters as he entered a Nassau County courtroom Tuesday that he hoped to resolve the Case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Nick Cannon appeared on Instagram in gleeful whiteface to promote his upcoming album, White People Party Music. ${\tt INSTAGRAM}$

Nick Cannon dons whiteface

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White people, let's agree to be mature about this one.

Yes, that's Nick Cannon up there. Yes, he's donned what might be termed "whiteface." Yes, he adorned the Instagram pic with the caption, "It's official... I'm White!!! #WHITEPEOPLEPARTYMUS-IC #Wppm in stores April 1st!!!!!Dude Go Get It!!Join The Party!!!! #GoodCredit #DogKissing #BeerPong #FarmersMarkets #Fist-Pumping #CreamCheeseEating #RacialDraft "Bro I got drafted!!"

So what led Mr. Mariah Carey to dress up as a ginger bro, looking like he's having the time of his life? He's promoting his upcoming album, White People Party Music. However, some of the Internet is writhing under the sting of what it perceives as Cannon's brutal racism. "Why is it considered humour when a black person paints their face white but when a white person paints their face black, it's racism? I don't care what justification anyone has for it. The action is still the same and people have the right to feel violated by @nickcannon actions," İnstagram user c_n_v commented, adding, "The movie White Chicks was not meant to make fun of a race but instead two undercover cops doing their job."

All right, I may be in the minority on this one, but I think it's fine. Blackface is offensive because minstrel shows were part of the systematic oppression of African-Americans for hundreds of years. White people have never been systematically oppressed by black people. No, not even two days ago, when Nick Cannon dressed up as your cousin Colin.

The movie White Chicks, though, was a bridge too far.



After 11 years, Gwyneth and Chris call it quits

It appears things have gone cold in the Paltrow-Martin household. After months of speculation, Gwyneth Paltrow confirmed on her website, Goop, that she and Coldplay singer Chris Martin are calling it quits.

"It is with hearts full of sadness that we have decided to separate," she writes. "We have been working hard for well over a year, some of it together, some of it separated, to see what might have been possible between us,

and we have come to the conclusion that while we love each other very much we will remain separate."

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Machu Picchu three ways

A trip to the ancient citadel in Peru's Cusco region, 2,430 metres above sea level, tops many bucket lists. The beauty of the 15th-century site becomes even more awe-inspiring when you take in the surrounding Andean peaks and the Vilcanota-Urubamba River. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, an eco aficionado or a connoisseur, there's something for everyone on the trail to the icon of Inca civilization.

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Loki Hostel's action-packed tours are a great way to bond with other fun-loving travellers. Morgan Dunlop/for Metro

For the thrill-seeker

Party every night with travellers from around the world at the Loki Hostel in Cusco city (beds from \$8). Named after the Scandinavian god of mischief, this former Spanish colonial home fell into disrepair before four friends set out to turn it into the go-to social spot for fun-loving travellers looking to bond over copious amounts of alcohol. After sharing a row of fiery blood bombs — a shot of vodka mixed with grenadine, lit on fire and plunged into a half-glass of Red Bull — you may decide to head on a trek to Machu Picchu together. The hostel's most action-packed tour leaves you at Machu Picchu after four days of hiking, white- water rafting, mountain biking and zip-lining. Make sure to hike the higher Huayna Picchu for a vertical climb that leads to a stunning view of the site. Before you leave Cusco, dine like a local at the San Pedro market. Expect to be pleasantly ignored and served authentic, inexpensive food, like barbecued guinea pig and alpaca. Try not to be too hungover when you pass the pungent entrails aisle. Visit lokihostel. com/cusco; also see the Loki Travel section of the site for tour information.

For the eco aficionado

Warm your feet by a crackling fire in your Andean-village inspired whitewashed casita at the Inka Terra Machu Picchu hotel (rooms from about \$440). A 30-minute bus ride from Machu Picchu, this property lies in the Andean cloud forest — a lush ecosystem at the intersection of the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Towering mountains on either side provide fresh drinking water and fill the hotel's pool and hot tubs. The grounds are home to fruit and vegetable gardens, a tea plantation and 372 orchid species, as well as a diverse hummingbird population and several rescued Andean spectacled bears the hotel hopes to reintroduce to the wild. Take a day trip to Awana Kancha to see the life cycle of the garments you see at local markets. Feed llamas and alpacas while watching as women from local communities spin their fibres, dye the wool with various herbs, barks and minerals and weave them into intricate vibrant designs. Visit inkaterra. com and awanakancha.com/en.





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For the connoisseur

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A match made in meat heaven

Bacon-Wrapped Meatloaf. The smoky undertones of the bacon make a mouthwatering addition to this classic dish



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Frying up bacon and enjoying it on its own is wonderful. Adding it to soups, salads and sandwiches is also a great way to enjoy its flavour.

I decided to make my son's favourite meal (meatloaf) and one of his favourite meats (bacon), and put them together. When I excitedly told him that I combined his two favourites and that it would be amazing, he just looked at me and asked, "Why didn't you just make regular meatloaf?"

He was pleasantly surprised to taste the dish, with

oking tips

Make this meatloaf one night and then serve it up the next night crumbled or chopped with pasta sauce and toss it with cooked pasta for a tasty meatloaf pasta night!

the bacon flavour adding smokiness and a delicious crisp texture to the meatloaf.

Truly, this was to be a perfect match!

A side of creamy mashed potatoes to go alongside each slice of this free-form meatloaf made for a lipsmacking dinner.

This recipe really should serve eight. It served five of us with a few slices for leftovers. Tucked into a soft kaiser bun and warmed through with a sprinkling of cheese, those leftovers made lunch delectable the next day.

- **1.** In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook leek, garlic, thyme and pepper, stirring for about eight minutes or until softened. Scrape into large bowl; let cool slightly.
- **2.** Stir in eggs until combined. Add bread crumbs, cheese, milk, ketchup and Worcestershire; stir until well combined. Add veal and pork and using hands mix well until thoroughly combined.
- **3.** On a parchment paper lined baking sheet shape mixture into a 9 x 5 inch (23 x 13 cm) loaf. Lay bacon slices on a diagonal across the meatloaf, trimming strips as necessary to cover the top and sides completely.
- **4.** Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 1 hour and 10 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted in centre reaches 160 F (70 C).
- 5. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing into about 1-inch (2.5 cm) slices.



- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 leek, white and light green part only, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) fresh ground black pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (250 ml) seasoned dry
- bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) freshly grated
- Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) milk • 1/3 cup (75 ml) ketchup
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire
- sauce 1 lb (500 g) each ground veal
- and ground pork
- 10 slices side bacon



I do so like green potatoes

These crispy roasted potatoes are crunchy on the outside and soft and silky inside.

The sauce is a simple un-cooked sauce made from fresh green herbs, spices, garlic, shallots, lemon juice and olive oil. The hot roasted potatoes absorb all the flavours of the fresh herbs and the touch of lemon juice balances the starch, making for a light and refreshing potato side dish similar to a hot potato salad. And, they look great on the plate!

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

- 24 small red potatoes, halved
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp kosher salt For the sauce
- 4 cups lightly packed chopped curly parsley (1 to 2 bunches)
- 2 cups fresh basil
- 3 to 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes • 2 minced shallot or onion
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

2. Place potatoes in a large bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and toss again to coat evenly.

3. Set wire rack over a rimmed

baking sheet and place the potatoes on the rack. Cook 50 minutes, or until the potato skins are lightly puffed and insides are tender. You do not need to turn the potatoes during cooking.

Meanwhile, prepare sauce. In a blender or food processor, combine all ingredients and pulse until chopped well, but not lique-

5. As soon as potatoes are done, transfer to large serving bowl. Drizzle sauce, about 1/4 cup at a time, over potatoes and toss well to coat. You may have sauce left OVET. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZA-BETH KARMEL AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.

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Have you got the job-hop jitters?

Don't fear the retry.

Skipping from position to position may not be as professionally sinful as it once seemed in a working culture that demands a variety of experience

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Maybe you're trying to find your professional niche. Perhaps you get bored easily and like to constantly try your hand at new things.

It could be that you are multitalented, with many passions and diverse interests you're pursuing.

Whatever the reason, if you shift from job to job, trying on different positions and sampling a variety of industries, you may be sabotaging your hire-ability.

That is, unless you have a strategy to navigate your professional mobility through job transitions to leapfrog your career

Job mobility

In a new study from The University of California at Berkeley, researchers found that freelan-



Time off, a freelance or volunteer gig, a new collaboration or professional development project — these seemingly sideways or random career shifts could be exactly the professional pivots required to reach your career goals. ISTOCK

cers who demonstrated a longterm commitment to one field were most likely to be hired.

After examining millions of candidate profiles on an online job site, Professor Ming D. Leung of the UC Berkeley Hass School of Business found that applicants whose work history

Collecting expertise

Thinking strategically, those short-term positions can actually help you develop transferable skills and demonstrate your professional flexibility and openness to change.

demonstrated a number of similar positions were at a distinct advantage over the competition.

On the other hand, Leung discovered that freelancers who remained in one position for a long time, or who took on various but dissimilar positions, were perceived as less attractive to employers on the site.

Put differently, this university study hints that trying on different jobs is preferable and

may give you an edge, as long as you stick within a single

Planning ahead

Other experts and studies have confirmed that zig-zagging your way through a series of short-term assignments isn't detrimental to your overall career progress if you do it right. Thinking strategically, those short-term positions can actually help you develop trans-

ferable skills and demonstrate your professional flexibility and openness to change.

In fact, what may at first seem to be a step backward may actually be the key to fasttrack your career progression.

Describing his own experience in Harvard Business Review, Alex McClung observed "the sideways moves accelerated my career by five years or more each time," concluding that "sideways always turns into a slingshot." Your career "needs to be horizontal" if you want to get ahead, HBR author Ron Ashkenas insists, because the talent most in demand today has the skills to collaborate - adding "value across" the board for very different stakeholders.

Direction of your dash

"Not everyone's path makes sense as a vertical trajectory," observes Robin Madell, and it's possible to "move up" by moving over, or even by stepping right off the ladder every once in awhile.

If that idea appeals, consider managing your career more like a college professor does, suggests Bruce Kasanoff in Forbes. Academics often step up to serve a limited term in an administrative role before returning to their teaching and research. And every once in awhile it's time for a sabbatical — a chance to pursue a new project, collaborate, learn a new skill, recharge and refocus.

Where you come in

Contract gigs, side hustles, freelancing — all may appear as a series of horizontal moves on a very long resumé. But working hard on this kind of career-in-progress can result an impressive, broad and diverse project portfolio, and produce an extensive network of professional contacts. Those are two big pluses for you — especially if you think of yourself as a bit of a careerpreneur.

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Don't get tied in knots for an interview

Hot under the collar. Ditch your necktie in favour of a professional bow tie

DA SILVA-POWELL

When you're starting out on

a job search, it's important to dress the part — whether you're at a networking event, business lunch or your first entry level job.

Despite the wealth of sartorial advice out there, I've always been a little disappointed at the lack of attention paid to that oftmaligned necktie alternative: the bow tie.

A moment of full disclosure: I couldn't be more biased on this particular front. I've been wearing bow ties for years.

However, this affinity has given me some insight into the practical merits of an admittedly esoteric piece of neckwear.

They're easy to tie (Part 1)

There's a popular misconception that a bow tie is a modern Gordian knot when in fact tying a conventional necktie is much more complicated.

While most people learn to tie a tie one way and one way only, two Cambridge physicists have determined that the average tie can be knotted at least 85 different ways, 13 of which result in



unique aesthetically pleasing knots.

By contrast, there's only one way to tie a bow tie and the Internet is full of diagrams and videos that can teach you how.

They're easy to tie (Part 2)

Have you ever stood in front of your mirror, tying and retying a necktie, only to get the length wrong every time? Properly tied, a necktie is supposed to cover the entirety of your shirt placket, with the tip just grazing

the top of your belt buckle. It's hard to pull this off the first time, even after years of practice.

This difficulty is greatly reduced with a bow tie. Less fabric to work with means you've got a good chance of getting it right the first time - plus, a bow-tie knot isn't supposed to be perfect (just a little asymmetrical).

They're easy to wear

Noted American designer and architect Charles Eames wore bow ties his entire life, supposedly because they kept out of his way while he worked at the drafting table.

Nestled snugly at collar level, it leaves you free to sup soup with reckless abandon — and it can't get snagged in a drawer unless you go into a filing cabinet face

your cravat. It can wind up dunked in your morning coffee, serving as an accidental serviette at lunch, snagged in a drawer...the list goes on.

The bow-tie gracefully avoids these potential pit-falls. Nestled snugly at collar level, it leaves you free to sup soup with reckless abandon - and it can't get snagged in a drawer unless you go into a filing cabinet face first.

They aren't as flashy as you think

neckties, you'll know how

many disastrous threats the

average workplace offers

I couldn't get away with wearing that, everyone would stare at me."

I hear this a lot with respect to bow ties, often from friends who claim they admire my "courage." People are often afraid that they'll become an object of comment, or even ridicule, should they jump on the bowtie bandwagon.

The frank truth is that the average person - in your office, on the street - isn't really all that interested in what you're wearing. Sure, it's a bit of a rarity, but the odd funny look shouldn't be what deters you from trying new things.

After all, you'll never be able to find something that makes everyone happy.

If you work in a conservative industry, it's possible the bow tie might not be right for you. But if you're looking to express a little personal style and flair, it might just be time to jump on the bow-tie bandwagon.

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The Sharks' Matt Nieto battles with Andrew Ference in front of the Oilers net as goalie Ben Scrivens makes a save during the first period of Tuesday's NHL game at Rexall Place in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blood in the water

NHL. Sharks, Pavelski use power play to feast on vulnerable Oilers

Joe Pavelski had a hat trick and added an assist as the San Jose Sharks snapped a two-game losing skid with a 5-2 victory over the struggling Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday.

Patrick Marleau and Marty Havlat also scored for the Sharks (47-18-9) who moved four points up on idle Anaheim for the Pacific Division lead and remained two points back of St. Louis for first in the Western Conference.

San Jose clinched a playoff spot in a shootout loss to Calgary on Monday.

David Perron and Taylor Hall responded for the secondOn Tuesday



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Sharks

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to-last-place Oilers (25-39-9) who have lost three in a row, including a humbling 8-1 loss to the rival Calgary Flames on Sunday on the heels of a 3-1 defeat to the last-place Buffalo Sabres.

The Oilers started the scoring just over four minutes into the first period as Perron danced around Shark Tyler Kennedy before picking a perfect spot on a shot past San Jose goalie Antti Niemi.

San Jose tied the game on the power play six-and-a-

half-minutes into the second period. Ben Scrivens made the initial stop on a shot from the slot by Marleau, but the rebound angled to Pavelski at the side of the net with a wide-open cage to put in his 35th of the year.

Another power-play goal midway through the second period gave San Jose a 2-1 lead, as Pavelski chopped a puck to Marleau at the top of the opposite circle and the Sharks assistant captain scored on a lightning-quick release.

The Sharks took a two-goal lead with 30 seconds left to play in the middle period as Havlat's wrist shot beat Scrivens stick-side.

San Jose scored their third man-advantage goal of the game just over a minute into the third when Pavelski beat Scrivens over the blocker to make it 4-1.

Pavelski earned his third hat trick of the season with seven minutes left in the third as he took a shot that hit the stick of Edmonton's Matt Hendricks and deflected into the Oilers net. Pavelski's four-point night gave him 71 points on the season.

Edmonton made it look a little better with five minutes left to play as Hall picked up a rebound in front and hooked a diving backhand shot into the net for this 25th to make it 5-2.

The Oilers have been outscored 16-4 in their last three home games.

The Sharks return home to face the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday. The Oilers play the fifth game of a six-game homestand on Friday against the Anaheim Ducks.

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NHL

Leafs' playoff bid takes another hit

Roaring cheers greeted the announcement of Jonathan Bernier as the Toronto Maple Leafs' starting goaltender. His return from a five-game absence due to injury was desperately needed amid a season-worst losing streak.

But the result was the same as recent efforts for the Leafs who surrendered their sixth straight, 5-3 to St. Louis on Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Leafs out of a playoff spot for the first time since Jan. 14. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Buffalo Bills owner Wilson dies at 95

Ralph Wilson, the Buffalo Bills owner who helped found the American Football League in 1960 and played a key role in the merger with the NFL, died Tuesday. He was 95.

Wilson died at his home in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. He had been receiving home hospice care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling

Homan's rink losing Kreviazuk

Rachel Homan's champion curling rink will have a different look next season.

Longtime second Alison Kreviazuk is leaving the Homan team next month after deciding to move to Sweden to be with her boyfriend. Joanne Courtney of Val Sweeting's rink will join Homan's next season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Weir on Masters: 'I really think I can contend'

It has been almost seven years since Canadian Mike Weir last won on the PGA Tour.

He has battled injuries over the last few seasons and is trying to regain the form that saw him excel a decade ago. Weir has made the cut at only three events this year but feels his game is close to returning to form

It's his short game — normally one of his strengths — that has cost him of late. Weir has been working hard to correct things as he prepares for the two tournaments ahead of

Green jacket for golden Graham

"I think Graham obviously has the type of game that can do very well there."

Mike Weir calling fellow Canadian Graham DeLaet a possible contender at next month's Masters. Weir won at Augusta in 2003.

the Masters next month.

"I'm playing well enough to put myself right there," Weir said Tuesday on a conference call."I'm seeing some much better things, I'm striking the ball much more consistently. But I just haven't been putting very well at all so that's what I've been spending my time on."

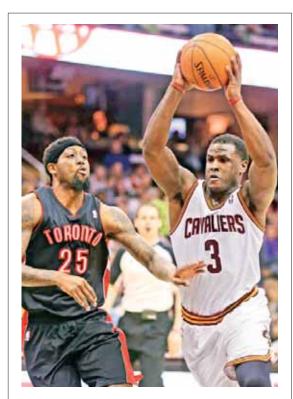
Weir is scheduled to play at the Valero Texas Open this week in San Antonio before heading to Humble, Texas, for the Shell Houston Open the following weekend. After that, the 2003 Masters champion will return to Augusta for the first major of the golf season.

"I really think I can contend there," Weir said. "I still believe in myself more than anything." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Waiters serves up a loss to Raps

Dion Waiters drives to the hoop on Toronto's John Salmons during the Cavaliers' 102-100 win over the Raptors on Tuesday night in Cleveland. Waiters had a game-high 24 points in the win. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Dirk shanks Thunder in OT

Dirk Nowitzki scored seven of his 32 points in overtime, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 128-119 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night.

Nowitzki also had 10 rebounds and six assists. In Dallas's loss to Brooklyn on Sunday, he was 2 for 12 from the field in his worst shooting performance of the season.

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NBA

Magic conjure up win over Portland

Tobias Harris had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic beat the Portland Trail Blazers 95-85 on Tuesday night to stop a nine-game losing streak.

Nik Vucevic added 22 points and 10 boards for the Magic, who led by just eight at the half but used scoring spurts in the third and fourth quarters to put the game away. Victor Oladipo had 13 points and six assists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laurent not fazed by bright lights of NFL

Football. Former McGill lineman knows nerves could derail Thursday's pre-draft workout

Laurent Duvernay-Tardif can't wait to strut his stuff Thursday.

The McGill Redmen offensive lineman will hold a private workout in Montreal for NFL and CFL scouts. And after spending much of the last four months preparing for the audition, the six-foot-five, 315-pound tackle is ready for it to finally happen.

"I don't know if I should say this but I just want to do it and be done with it," he said with a chuckle Tuesday via telephone. "I've been training since December for this.... For me, it's been so long. "I felt a little stressed last

"I felt a little stressed last weekend, but I went on the field (Monday) where I'm going to hold my pro day and ran some very good times in my shuttle and three-cone so I think I'm ready."

The 23-year-old med student said he feels terrific right now but understands nerves and the pressure to perform could weigh heavily upon him at his pro day. If that happens, Duvernay-Tardif will take a rather philosophical approach to deal with the situation.

Duvernay-Tardif was able to control being well rested and fresh for his workout.

To ensure that, he took half of last week and all of this one off from his duties working the night shift at a Montreal hospital, expecting to return either Sunday or Monday.



The articulate native of St. Hilaire, Que., finished the season as the top-ranked prospect for this year's CFL draft, slated for May 13. But Duvernay-Tardif has also drawn plenty of NFL interest and is projected as a third- or fourth-round selection in this year's draft, which will be held May 8-10.

Not bad, considering Duvernay-Tardif began his college career as a 253-pound defensive lineman and only switched to offence in 2011. McGill also accommodated his heavy academic workload by reducing his practice commitments during football season.

But that didn't stop Duvernay-Tardif from twice earning

All-Canadian honours and capturing the 2013 Metras trophy as Canadian university football's top lineman.

He was invited to participate in last weekend's CFL combine in Toronto but opted instead to focus on his pro day.

It's unclear how many scouts will attend Duvernay-Tardif's workout. Both the Arizona Cardinals and Buffalo Bills have said publicly they'll be there but some CFL teams are expected to take a miss because Duvernay-Tardif is likely to be go in the NFL draft and start his pro career there.

Regardless, Duvernay-Tardif's people are erring on the side of caution.

"We agreed to prepare food for 50 people, I don't know what that means," Duvernay-Tardif said. "I've been told if we had 15 (NFL scouts) we'd be super happy and if we had 20, that would be incredible."

The scouting report on Duvernay-Tardif says he has the size, strength, athleticism, temperament and intelligence to play at the next level. However, there are concerns about his inexperience as an offensive lineman and having played a yard off the ball at Mc-Gill, prompting some scouts to question if Duvernay-Tardif can get into blocks quickly enough in the NFL.

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Get ready to go in the tough Tahoe



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2015 Chevrolet Tahoe

- Type. Four-door, rear-/fourwheel-drive full-size sport utility vehicle
- Engines (hp). 5.3-litre OHV V8 (355)
- Transmissions. Six-speed automatic
- Base price (incl. destination). \$50,800



Fuel economy

Despite a 45-kilogram drop in weight and improved aerodynamics, the Tahoe rates 14.9 l/100 km in the city and 10.1 on the highway, compared to a slightly better 14.3/9.4 rating for the 2014 model's 5.3 V8.

Design

The shape is sleeker, there's less weight and more available safety content on tap. However the powertrain is a bit harder on gas. The trimmer sheet metal and stylish grille create the impression that the Tahoe is a bit smaller than before, but the tape measure proves that not much has really changed.

Review. It might be an SUV but it makes no apologies about being hardy and capable

MALCOLM GUNN

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Honestly, when was the last time you heard the term "sport utility vehicle" bandied about? It likely has been a while, since not many are being made anymore. Still, there are a few hanging on, including the full-size Tahoe and its super-size Suburban relation.

Hanging on? Actually, these rigs, with their ball-team seating capacities, are thriving where others have faded from sight or have been converted to gentler, more fuel-frugal carbased wagons. North American Tahoe/Suburban sales climbed more than 15 per cent for the 2013 model year and, according to General Motors, represented nearly half of all full-size sport utility vehicles sold. Add in healthy sales of the similar GMC Yukon and there's little

left for the few remaining competitors. The 2015 Tahoe, arriving this spring, has undergone a complete transformation. What is clear is the separation between the Tahoe and the considerably bolder looking 2015 Yukon counterpart.

It's a different story on the inside where max stowage volume has actually decreased slightly, possibly because the third-row seats now fold flat for added capacity and are no longer removable. Other changes include a more fashionable dashboard and control panel, complete with a five- or available eight-inch touchscreens that control the infotainment and communications systems. A smaller secondary screen is located between the watch-style dash gauges that displays key info where the driver can easily view it.

The filing-cabinet-sized centre console can swallow a laptop computer and other bulky items. There are also storage areas beneath the door armrests plus a secure spot behind the touchscreen for holding cell phones and other small valuables. The Tahoe's body is

attached to a stronger ladder frame that widens the distance between the wheels slightly for greater stability.

Mounted between the rails is a 5.3-litre V8 that produces 355 horsepower and healthy 383 pound-feet of torque. Although displacement is the same as the previous base V8, the new 5.3 is all-aluminum and employs direct-injection (fuel force-fed into the cylinders under high pressure) and continuously variable valve timing (alters valve lift/duration to improve performance and economy).

The engine can also run on four cylinders under steady-state cruising, which also saves gas. The transmission is a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel 'TapShift" controls and a Tow/ Haul mode that holds the gear changes longer when trailering heavy loads (up to 3,640 kilograms). There's also auto Grade Braking, which downshifts the transmission to help slow the Tahoe when descending a hill. This helps maintain vehicle control while ensuring the brakes don't overheat.

As per the 2014 version, the

2015 Tahoe is offered in LS, LT and LTZ flavours. Base models come with plenty of standard gear, with the mid- and topgrade trims piling on content such as keyless push-button entry, power-folding rear seat and start, magnetic ride control that constantly adjusts the dampers for a smoother ride.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard with 20- and 22-inchers available at extra cost. On the safety front, along with the latest in crash-avoiding technologies, there's an available front-seat centre air bag.

It deploys (from the right side of the driver's seat) to prevent passengers from colliding with each other during a side impact. This key piece of technology addresses a weakness in current shoulder belt design that allows passengers to move sideways. Look for broader use of this in more vehicles. With a \$50,800 starting price (\$3,300 extra for four-wheel-drive), including destination charges, the new Tahoe continues a tradition of capability and power. Even in this day and age, it makes no apologies for that, nor should it.

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Grab a cab from London



If you're looking for something really unique — the word "bizarre" might be more accurate — to park in your garage, how about choosing an authentic, if slightly used, London cab? This actual retired taxi comes with all the trimmings, including air conditioning, rear parking sensor, leather interior and authentic taxi sign attached to the roof. Inside, there's room for six passengers plus the driver. A 2.7-litre four-cylinder diesel engine supplies the power and is connected to a three-speed automatic transmission. Note that the taxi is a right-hand-drive model. Gadget retailer Hammacher Schlemmer will sell you one for \$40,000 US, but the company advises that "Special conditions and guarantee limitations apply" (it is used, after all). Visit hammacher.com

Super Mario kids kart

If you have children or grandchildren who play video games, you know they will love this gift. Toys R Us has become the exclusive retailer for the actual ride-on version of Nintendo's Super Mario Kart from Jakks Pacific, which also produces a variety of officially licensed products for Nintendo. The brightly coloured single-passenger vehicle reproduces sound effects from the Mario Kart video game series so it's sure to drive parents crazy. Both indoor and outdoor tires are also supplied so kids up to 31 kilograms can drive it anywhere (a six-volt battery supplies lowspeed power). Super Mario Kart is priced at \$70 US and can be ordered directly through Toys R Us at the store or online at toysrus.



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Having eroded over the cold season, many roads are cracked and riddled with potential tire bursters and car body busters

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Along with warmer weather and the first flowers, spring also brings potholes. Not only are they annoying when you're driving, but if they're large enough, they have the potential to do serious damage to your vehicle.

"It depends on how you hit it, and how fast you're going," says Teresa Kostick, owner of All Line CARSTAR Auto Body, near Chicago. "And even though you're hitting it with your front wheel first, you may have a problem with the rear wheel too, because it will go into the same pothole."

Potholes happen when water seeps through cracks in the asphalt to the ground below. When it freezes, it pushes the pavement up and also creates an indentation under it. When warmer weather arrives and the ice melts, cars driving over the asphalt break it apart, and a pothole is born.

The wheel initially takes the blow, and a hard bump can bend a rim or even blow out a tire. Even if the tire stays in place, a bent rim can cause it to gradually lose air, eventu-

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Teresa Kostick, All Line CARSTAR Auto Body

- Eyes peeled. Watch for puddles when the rest of the road is dry; there could be deep potholes under the water.
- Check just in case. Depending on circumstances, you may be able to make a claim to the municipality or your insurance company for pothole damage.
- Warm weather mending. Potholes can only be properly repaired when the weather is warm and dry.

ally leaving you with a flat tire. Hitting the pothole can also dislodge the wheel weights, leaving the wheel unbalanced.

A hard hit can potentially damage steering or suspension components, affect your brakes, crack the air dam or front fascia, or in severe conditions, even damage a wheel well or fender.

Warning signs of damage can include clunking or grinding noises when you're steering or using the brakes, vibration when you're driving, the vehicle pulls to one side, or the steering wheel is off-centre. All of these can be safety issues, and you should get the vehicle checked as soon as possible.

Even if nothing's broken, you may still need an alignment, which should be done promptly. If you keep driving it like that, it can cause uneven tire wear. The car could also steer or brake erratically if you need to make an emergency manoeuvre.

If you see a pothole, slow down before you get to it, not when you're about to hit it. Jamming on the brakes causes your vehicle to nosedive, which can potentially cause even more damage.

"Leave enough distance between you and the vehicle ahead so you can see pot-holes," Kostick says. "Lower your speed, and if you can't avoid the pothole, go over it as slowly as you can.

Great Scotti! That's one hell of a car collection

Enforced auction.

Dealership owner and avid collector John must sell portion of his giant number of vehicles as he is moving house



In true collector spirit, John Scotti kept acquiring muscle cars and late model exotics, and didn't worry too much about the accumulation. But now he's forced to - The Montreal-based collector, who also operates several new-car dealerships, has to relocate his Lamborghini and Lotus operations, which also houses a good chunk of his collection, and the new digs just can't take all the 'Vettes, Mustangs, Cudas, and Torinos.

So he's sending 400 to 450 of them to auction. "John Scotti Collecwill headline Auctions America's spring sale in Auburn, Ind., on May 8-10, and sale in stands to be the largest single Canadian car collection ever sold at auction.

Some might suggest the word "collection" could be replaced with "inventory," as most of the vehicles appeared to be for sale by John Scotti Classic Cars. But Howard Cohen, who manages John Scotti Classic Cars, told us there were cars in the warehouse no one ever saw. "Some have been sitting in there for 12 years." Cohen also adds that his boss is a lifelong car enthusiast who acquired the vehicles over a period a time, and that the collection very much reflects his personal tastes.

Scotti must be drawn to low-mileage original muscle cars, because there are an impressive number of those in the collection. Two such examples include the 1967 Corvette Convertible with 5,500 miles, and the 1987 Buick GNX showing just 90 original miles.

The car expected to fetch the highest value under the hammer is the show-ready 1934 Chrysler Airflow, with a sales estimate of \$150,000 to \$200,000. All the collection cars will be sold with "no (sometimes sellers stipulate a reserve or minimum selling amount that must be met before the vehicle can change hands). While "no reserve" seems to introduce an element of risk, Gord Duff of Auctions America says history has shown that "no reserve always creates more interest and attendance and buzz, and that always translates to better overall sales results.

He also noted that the John

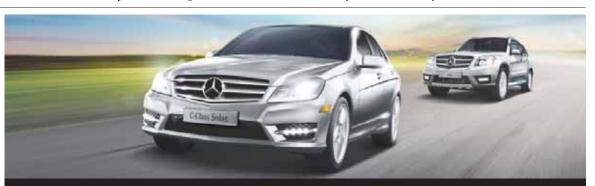
Scotti cars are on a one-way ticket to Indiana. "Both parties (Auctions America and John Scotti) have put in lots of work to get these cars here. They're not going back to Montreal.

From Scotti's end, the work entails starting hundreds of veteran cars that haven't stirred for a while, and that means lots battery replacements and carb cleaning, and the occasional

un-sticking of seized brakes. About 200 cars are already in Indiana. Another 200-plus to go. "Everything has to be out of here by April 30th, that's the cut-off," says Cohen.

While in an ideal world, Cohen would have preferred to sell the cars the usual "retail" way, he completely agrees with his boss's decision to make this mass selloff. "We just had too many cars ... To be honest with you, my boss likes buying more than he does selling.

And he's at it again. "John just made another purchase 946 cars from a 92-year old collector." For more information on the John Scotti auction check out auctionsamerica.com. You can also watch a lot of the auction live on the NBC Sports Net-



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Adore that floor — the garage one, that is

AutoKnow. It's time to pay some attention to the most neglected space in the home

GARRY SOWERBY

The garage floor. There it is. Chipped, cracked, abused, stained, filthy, dusty, boring ... the garage floor. But after decades of being the grey sheep of the flooring world in nearly every home and many businesses, this stale concrete slab is enjoying a renaissance of affordable improvement options to finally show its true colours,

From vivid tiles and decorative porcelain looks, to the more practical epoxy finishes, the art of the garage floor is gaining momentum by both professional installers and doit-yourselfers. A few hundred dollars and a little imagination is all you need to transform any dull concrete into an inviting, safe and functional part of the property.

"It's a usable space that most homeowners don't pay much attention to," said John Massie, co-owner of a Garage Experts franchise located in Phoenix, Ariz. "But with more and more flooring options, homeowners are recognizing the benefits and taking more pride in that part of their property." Massie's primary area of expertise is the epoxy surface finishes because he believes this method provides the most durable and practical flooring option available.

Used for both residential and commercial floors, the epoxy treatment provides an immediate showroom shine that is every bit as beautiful as it is functional. From an understated solid stain to a vibrancy of colour flakes to be mixed and matched, the decorative options are endless. And because the garage space in many homes is becoming as a much a "man cave" or gath-

A common pattern

"They see a bargain when they go to the store. They decide to do it themselves. They watch a YouTube video of the installation process, and then two vears later they call us to fix it."

John Massie, co-owner of a Garage Experts franchise located in Phoenix, Ariz

ering space as it is somewhere to park and tinker with the car, epoxy floors are a great option for both the home mechanic and the couch potato.

These modern epoxy floors not only look great and make cleanup easy, the hardness and thickness of these coatings protects the concrete against chips, cracks, scratches and harmful chemical spills.

Relatively easy application (after a lot of prep work) and affordability also make epoxy an inviting flooring option for do-it-yourselfers. Generally, the product requires the mixing of several parts and then application with a roller. Lower-end flooring kits for a standard two-car garage can cost about \$100.

Prices vary, obviously, but professional installation of an epoxy coating starts at about \$4 a square foot, so a typical two-car garage measuring about 400 square feet pushes the total cost to about \$1,600.

Like so many projects, the cost savings for the DIYers is obvious, but Massie warns that you get what you pay for.

"I've taken off more floors from do-it-yourself homeowners because they weren't happy with it and it didn't last as long as they expected it to," Massie said. "They see a bargain when they go to the store. They decide to do it themselves. They watch a YouTube video of the installation process, and then two years later they call us to fix it." But for those dedicated to doing it themselves, Massie said the most important consideration is the percentage of solids content in the epoxy coating, or the measure of how much epoxy will be lost through "evaporation" during the curing

Massie explains that the typical epoxy sold at homeimprovement stores pro-vides a solid content of about 60 to 80 per cent, meaning anywhere from 20 to 40 per cent of the applied product will be lost during the drying

Professional grade products cost about four times more than the standard storebought epoxy coverings, but with a solid content of between 98 and 100 per cent, minimal product is lost and the homeowner can expect a properly installed floor to last for decades instead of just years. Massie compared epoxy production to brewing beer, where the lower-grade product used in the cheapest DIY kits literally comes from the bottom of the barrel.

"They just basically bottle



r tiles, such as those from Racedeck Garage Floors (www.racedeck.com) come in many



it up and can it for consumer use," Massie said. "That's why it is a (quarter) of the cost."

And while epoxy floorings are the favourite choice for do-it-yourselfers, the popularity of interlocking tile floors is also growing because of the variety of styles and colours they provide, along with easy installation. There is basically no surface preparation required at all. Available in either stiff polypropylene or the more flexible PVC rubbery materials, tile garage floors offer a personalized design for the do-it-yourselfer while also providing a non-slip flooring option that is resistant to stains, oils and chemicals.

Ballpark pricing for the least expensive polypropylene tile floors can start at about \$2 a square foot while the more durable PVC tiles can cost \$3 or more per square foot. Peel and stick tile floors are another op-tion — they're easy to install and cost about \$2.50 a square

Massie is somewhat skeptical of the interlocking tile floors compared to epoxy because he said dirt and grime could get trapped in the gaps between the tiles and become next to impossible to clean without removing the entire floor.

'The biggest concern with the interlocking systems is there is nothing sealing off the concrete floor underneath," said Massie, stressing that warranty is also an important factor to consider when choosing the best flooring option. "But interlocking tiles are easy for the homeowner to install and they look very nice."

Whether professional or DIY, turning a cold grey slab of concrete into an inviting place to play and work can not only improve the look of a garage but also add some value and appeal to a home or business.



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garage environment is a harsh one with high loads, dropped tools and, of course,

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Rogers' birth name

(b.1911 - d.1998)

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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

It may at times seem as if you are moving backwards but that means you need to adjust your way of thinking. What you have to understand is that every experience moves you forward, eventually.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Social activities will go well today, so make an effort to get out and meet new people. The more things you do with others, the more you will enjoy yourself and the more of an effect your actions will have.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You can be a bit too blunt and with Mercury, your ruler, linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, today you may say too much. So what? At least you have something worth saying.

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June 22 - July 23 You need to realize there is more going on than you were previously aware of. You need to accept that in spite of all the bad things that go on in the

world, it's a wonderful place.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Either you will come into money today or you will come up with a plan that makes you money in thefuture. If it's the latter, be patient. True wealth is worth waiting for.

MP Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Joint plans are less likely to go wrong today if you keep any doubts you have to yourself. Yes, it's quite likely you can see a better way of doing things but, having agreed to take part in a venture, you must be positive about it.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Self-confidence is the key to success, so believe in what you are doing. Remember too that the world you experience is largely a reflection of what goes on inside your head.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You must carry on with a creative endeavor that you may have been thinking of giving up on. You don't seem to realize how close you are to a breakthrough.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Today's Mercury-Jupiter aspect will help you find the words to connect with those you are closest to. You don't have to get emotional but you do have to remind them that your love is unconditional.

V Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It's unlike you to be easygoing about people you don't much like and opinions you think are stupid but you seem to have reached a point where, frankly, you no longer care. Getting uptight is not worth the hassle.

∞ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Mercury in the money area of your chart suggests that Lady Luck will be smiling on you over the next few days. If you do find you have extra cash in your pocket, why not treat someone you love to an afternoon or evening out?

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's an ideal day to make promises. Mercury, planet of the mind, is on your side so decide what you desire and commit to making it yours. The universe will hear and respond favourably. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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- 1. Nest noise 6. First aid team, e.g. 9. Quick times arudae
- 15. Maintain the lawn 16. "Garfield: of Two Kitties" (2006)
- 17. Kim Mitchell hit: 3 wds.
- 19. Peppy gathering 20. Saskatchewan city just north of Saskatoon
- 22. Singer's prop 25. Jessica's surname
- 26. Scot's 'own' 27. Web memo,
- 29. Vintage comedy 34. New York's capital 36. Shiba __ (Dog breed of Japan)
- Mir Bist Du Schon" by The Andrews Sisters 38. Randy Jackson's
- word 39. French painter
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have: 2 wds

- 60. Just one French fry 61. Justin's super fans 65. Hot chocolate
- 66. Wide shoe width 67. "No!"
- 68. Sharp weapon 69. Learning basics, informally
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- 3. Gremlin 4. Ancient Dead Sea
- land 5. __ Free (Beauty

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7. Linda Evangelista's really took off in 1990: 2 wds.

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- 8. Graceful bird 9. Canadian singer/ producer Mr. Church
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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